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SUBJ: JSP INVITES PRG DELEGATION TO VISIT JAPAN

SUMMARY: IN MEETING IN PYONG YANG WITH PRG' S MADAME BINH, JSP DIETMAN KAWASAKI FORMALLY INVITED PRG DELEGATION TO VISIT JAPAN. BINH REPORTEDLY INDICATED VISIT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN LATE MAY. ALTHOUGH NO ENTRY APPLICATION HAS YET BEEN FILED, JSP IS CLEARLY PREPARING TO MAKE MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUE OF GOJ' S POLICY ON VISITS BY PRG OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT TOKYO PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 21, JSP INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, KAWASAKI, ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD MET PRG FONMIN MADAME BINH WHILE IN PYONGYANG ON APRIL 13 AND PRESENTED HER WITH FORMAL INVITATION FOR PRG DELEGATION TO VISIT JAPAN. INVITATION REPORTEDLY INDICATED JSP DESIRE THAT DELEGATION LED BY FORMER PRG DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO PARIS PEACE TALKS, NGUYEN VAN TIEN, VISIT JAPAN TO DISCUSS POST- WAR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. KAWASAKI TOLD PRESS THAT MADAME BINH INDICATED HER INTENTION TO DISPATCH DELEGATION IN LATE MAY.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, KAWASAKI SAID JSP POSITION WAS THAT, AS GOJ DECIDED NOT TO RETRACT JUSTICE MINISTER TANAKA' S STATEMENT (TOKYO' S 3531 AND 3653) INDICATING FAVORABLE ATTITUDE RE TIEN VISIT, IT IS TO BE ASSUMED GOJ WILL ISSUE ENTRY
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PERMITS FOR DELEGATION. KAWASAKI EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT, WITH SUPPORT OF PEOPLE, VISIT COULD BE REALIZED.

3. ALTHOUGH NO APPLICATION YET SUBMITTED, MEDIA HAVE SOUGHT OUT GOVERNMENT' S REACTION TO POSSIBLE VISIT. JUSTICE MINISTER TANAKA REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT WHILE THERE NO DOUBT THAT GOJ MOVING IN DIRECTION OF ISSUING ENTRY PERMITS, THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER WHAT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME FOR SUCH VISIT. UNIDENTIFIED FONOFF OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT WHEN APPLICATION SUBMITTED, GOJ WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER DEGREE OF PROGRESS MADE IN GVN- PRG PARIS TALKS IN DECIDING ITS VIEW.

4. COMMENT: WHILE PRG HAS YET TO FORMALLY INDICATE INTENTION TO SEND DELEGATION BY SELECTING DATES AND REQUESTING JSP OBTAIN ENTRY PERMIT, JSP IS CLEARLY PREPARING TO MAKE IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUE OF GOJ' S POLICY ON VISITS BY PRG OFFICIALS.

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